



Class Oak Newsletter Autumn 1st Half Term

Dear Parents,

Welcome back everyone! I can't believe that it's been so long since Class Oak were together. We are going to take our time as we settle back into routine, to ensure that all of the children are prepared again for learning. It's an important year for our Year 6 children as they begin their transition to secondary school and I'll be ensuring that they're as prepared as they can be for their move next September. This half term our topic is all about the Ancient Greeks. Our enquiry question is:



Who were the Ancient Greeks?



It's going to be an awesome history topic to kick off the year and a subject we can really get our teeth into. We will learn much about the lives of the Ancient Greeks; their beliefs, values, daily lives, philosophies and key figures.

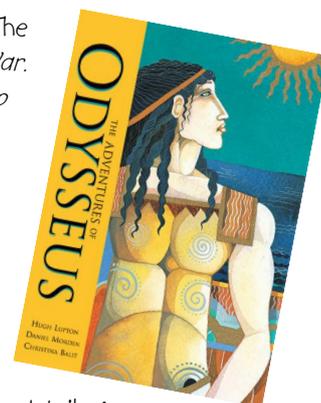
Maths

In our mathematics lessons this half term we will be recapping our understanding of place value (what digits are worth in larger numbers) and will begin to remind ourselves of different calculation methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will use the most formal methods for multiplication and division (including long division). As ever, we will apply our learning in different contexts and use our reasoning skills to help us become proficient mathematicians.

English

Our English text is called 'The Adventures of Odysseus'. This story is based on Homer's epic poem *The Odyssey*, "Set sail with Odysseus as he fights to find his way back home after the brutal Trojan War. On his ten-year journey, he endures harrowing ordeals, battles monsters and learns what it means to be a hero. Award-winning professional storytellers Hugh Lupton and Daniel Morden's gripping retelling breathes new life into Homer's classic *The Odyssey*."

We will be recapping many of the grammatical words we learnt during last year and getting back into the swing of writing for different purposes, varying our sentence styles and using a variety of punctuation to keep our readers interested and engaged.



Science

Our science unit is all about electricity. This topic builds on the Year 4 work on electricity, taking it into the scientific use of symbols for components in a circuit as well as considering the effect in more detail of changing components in a circuit. The children have the opportunity to apply their learning by creating electrical circuits, drawing circuit diagrams and fixing problems with pre-prepared circuits.

Homework

- Reading - 3-4 times per week at home (recording what page they're up to in their Reading Record) - this is something that will continue as they move into Year 7 and a Key skill which unlocks so many doors in their learning;
- Mathematics/spelling - set weekly each Monday to be returned on the following Monday - I'll mark and return every piece of work I set;
- Homework project - this half-term's project should link to Ancient Greece - I will give the children some ideas over the coming weeks.

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

James Webb

PE will be on a Monday and
Friday afternoon